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Abstract

The spreading of privately organised and often gated neighbourhoods in many regions of the world has become a prominent feature of contemporary urban and urban political organisation. This article seeks to explain this trend in terms of government policy and the role of the state in enabling the development of such neighbourhoods. There is a growing trend towards the organisation of urban space as club communities, where residents share common characteristics and patterns of behaviour. This is often done in order to create a sense of community and are analysed in terms of their impact on the organisation of urban space with public municipalities.

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